the marine sub-contractors and spread, interface problems in the installation of SHG and SHW Platforms and past experience regarding firmining up of credit offered by HHI. Hence the contract was awarded to M/s. Daewoo, South Korea at the lowest price quoted in the tender.

POL Import

4237. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that POL imports have increased to an all time high in year 1992; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to reduce imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Imports of both crude and petroleum products have increased in quantity terms since 1987-88.

(b) A number of oil and gas field development projects are being implemented to enhance production of crude oil and natural gas. Government have also offered certain oil/gas fields for development by private companies. Efforts are being made to increase the refining capacity by taking up expansion of existing refineries and by setting up of new grass root refineries both in the Joint Venture and Private Sector in order to reduce imports of products.

Present availability of High Aromatic and Low Aromatic Naphtha

4238. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present availability of high aromatic and low aromatic naphtha and how it compares with the indigenous demands; and

(b) in what manner the deficit is to be met and in case there is a surplus how it propose to be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The total availability of high aromatic naphtha (HAN) and Low Aromatic Naphtha (LAN) in the country in the current year (1992-93) is estimated at 1.1. MMT and 3.7 MMT respectively. As against this, the demand for HAN and LAN is around 3 MMT and 3.0 3.0 MMT respectively.

(b) The surplus quantity of indigenous naphtha is proposed to be exported.

उत्तर प्रदेश में तेल परियोजनायें/योजनायें

4239. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य में आरंभ की जाने वाली कौन-कौन सी तेल परियोजनाएं/योजनाएं सरकार के विचाराधीन हैं ;

(ख) इन्हें स्वीकृति देने में विलम्बके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं/योजनाओं को कब तक स्वीकृति दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : क से (ग) मथुरा रिफाइनरी में एक कैटेलिटिक रिफार्मर की स्थापना करने के लिए इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन का एक प्रस्ताव है जिसके संबंध में हाल ही में सरकार को एक विस्तृत व्यवहार्यता रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हुई है।